

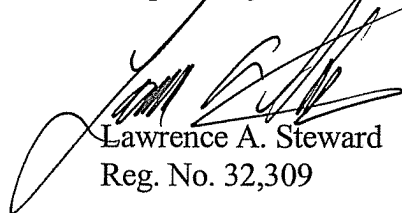
**REMARKS**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008. In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement, wherein the Examiner asserted that there were two inventions described by the claims.

Restriction was required between the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-10, drawn to a method of manufacturing an introducer sheath, and the claims of Group II, namely claims 11-20, drawn to an introducer sheath. In response to this requirement, Applicant selects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-10, drawn to a method of manufacturing an introducer sheath. Accordingly, claims 11-20 have been withdrawn.

Applicant looks forward to examination and early allowance of the claims of this application. If the Examiner has any further questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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